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Sir:

COMMUNICATION CONFIRMING WITHDRAWAL OF DECEMBER 18, 2002  
OFFICE ACTION AND THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Communication is submitted to confirm a February 25, 2003 telephone conference between Examiner John Brusca of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and Mr. Flynn Barrison of the undersigned's office during which Examiner Brusca stated that the December 18, 2002 Office Action is being withdrawn in view of the Second Preliminary Amendment filed August 6, 2001, i.e. prior to the issuance of the December 18, 2002 Office Action. Applicants understand that no Response to December 18, 2002 Office Action is required, and that a new Office Action will be issued in due course.

Accordingly, if the foregoing information is not accurate, applicant respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office immediately notify the undersigned.

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